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Hudak visits hometown



Helen McCreadie, left, from the Business Success and Loan Centre, speaking with Ontario Progressive leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak on Thursday. Go to page 10 for the full story.

Police move in to new building

New paramedic and police facility has spirits up

Kris Dubé
The Times

Local police have settled into their new building and district commander Dave Hunter says spirits are up, since officially moving in on June 14.

"It has definitely improved the morale of the members who work out of here," he said when sitting down with the Fort Erie Times this week.

The shared facility with Niagara Emergency Medical Services was funded entirely by the Niagara Region, for just over \$3 million.

There is a fitness room, a community meeting place complimented with artwork from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre and students from Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.

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Niagara Regional police district commander for Fort Erie Dave Hunter and sergeant Vincent Wong stand in front of the new police and paramedic building, that officially opened this week.

Police had simply 'grown out' of old facility, built over 30 years ago

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But more importantly, conduct the service provided by the Niagara Regional Police.

"We were using offices for multi-purposes, that aren't conducive to modern policing," said Hunter.

The former building on Thompson Road, built in 1980 was 3,400 sq. feet.

The new building is 15,000 sq. feet, with the police's portion working out to 8,700 sq. feet.

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The public doesn't always come here for good reasons, but still we want to give that perception, this is a building they can come to us for help.”

— Dave Hunter

"Our old place, we'd grown out of."

Hunter hopes the community will see the new facility as a welcoming local

landmark, that even if people do have to seek the assistance of the police... it can be a little more comfortable.

"The public doesn't always come here for good reasons, but still we want to give that perception, this is a building they can come to us for help with their situations," said Hunter. Another feature the building will have is a digital sign in front, showing general road safety reminders.

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Council considers seeking third party opinion about road allowance

➤ Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts using alleged road allowance from 1926 as ammo to stall Bay Beach condo development

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts says there is a road allowance running through lands where the Crystal Beach Gateway Project is to be located.

Town staff says there isn't, or at least that there is no specific documentation that supports his claim.

At Monday's regular

council meeting, it was debated for about an hour and a half, about spending up to \$40,000 to seek a third-party legal opinion on the question of whether or not the road allowance does exist.

The Town's director of legal services, who is on a leave from her position after a series of closed session meetings, was asked about this issue by Lubberts many times in the past and each time, she considered Lubberts' statement to be false.

Starting the dialogue off, one of Lubberts' first points was that no taxpayer money should be spent on gathering the opinion of another legal firm and that any costs should be the responsi-

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— Ron Tripp

bility of the developer, the Molinaro Group.

“I would never support the Town spending more money on the Bay Beach project,” said Lubberts.

Ron Tripp, the Town's acting chief administrative officer, gave council two options to resolve the matter.

The first would be approving the report on the table to seek another opinion or to simply defeat the recommendation, which is what ended up happening when it was time to vote.

“It's quite simple for this council, they can either accept the information they were given by the solicitor, or get a further analysis from another solicitor,” said Tripp.

“We have statements

put forward by Coun. Lubberts, that just aren't true,” he added.

Mayor Doug Martin agreed with Tripp, saying the Bay Beach issue needs to be put in the past, since it is a decided matter through local and regional approvals, an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, lawsuits and appeals.

“The only way to resolve this is to accept our solicitor's statement or to have advice from an outside, independent, third-party individual,” said Martin, getting frustrated by the circular direction the debate continued in.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill said it was his understanding that the answer to Coun. Lubberts questions would come in writ-

ten form from town staff, not in the form of a report to approve hiring a consultant.

“I don't know that we need to go to a third party. I believe that documentation is here,” he said.

Tripp said there is no one single document that holds records of road allowances dating back that far.

“These are the options I have,”

After more dialogue issue, Lubberts remained unsatisfied at the end.

“Show us how this road allowance was closed,” he said.

No member of council, even Lubberts, voted in favour of seeking a third-party opinion on the issue.

EDTC officials and mayor meet with Chinese delegates

The Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) this week, hosted a delegation of Chinese economic development professionals from Xinyi City, China as a first step to sharing best practices in community based economic development.

Representatives from Xinyi City Government, Xinyi City Reform and Economic Commission, Committee of Jiangsu Xinyi Economic Development Zone, along with representatives from Xinyi Rural Commercial Bank and the Jiangsu Jinmei Hengsheng Chemical Company met with Fort Erie's professional economic development staff, the mayor of Fort Erie and members of the Fort Erie EDTC Board of Directors at the EDTC's Harrison Road office as its core component to their 4 day mission to Canada. Also included in the mission, were meetings with representatives from Fort Erie's Rich Products Canada and the Canadian Importers and Exporters

Association.

“Today's meeting allowed us to gain a better understanding of our respective communities, and to develop an appreciation for the similarities we share and differences we have in terms of our approaches to economic development,” said Jim Thibert, general manager of the Fort Erie EDTC.

“As an initial meeting, I think it went very well. So well, in fact, the vice mayor of Xinyi City, who led the delegation, formally invited the us to visit Xinyi City to continue our discus-

sions and delve deeper into areas of potential collaboration in economic development,” Thibert continued.

Having opened the lines of communications, it is intended and expected that an on-going dialogue will begin between members of the delegation and the staff of the Fort Erie EDTC, and that as talks further develop, opportunities to leverage each other's strengths and capabilities will be identified.

“I was happy to welcome the delegation to Fort Erie today, and it was clear that

they are eager to learn about the Fort Erie EDTC, Fort Erie's industrial base companies and their capabilities and the Town of Fort Erie more generally,” said Mayor Martin.

“I think today's meeting

proved the start of a very interesting and hopefully fruitful relationship with our new friends and colleagues in economic development from Xinyi City,” said Martin.

While considered a

“small town” in China, Xinyi City has more than 1.04 million residents. Xinyi City's economic make-up however, closely resembles that of Fort Erie's, says the EDTC.

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Kinettes providing scholarship funds



Louise Albert, left, Susan Shular, Annie Mercier-Beaudoin, Debbie Woehl and Kelly Kendrick of the Fort Erie Kinettes, along with other members of the local service club will be donating \$500 to a scholarship fund for two Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School students. Another \$500 will also be given to Fort Erie Secondary School for the same cause, when both schools hold graduation ceremonies at the end of the month.

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Speedway hearing starts its engine

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

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The CCGFE has worked very hard to consider the value in the opportunity, presented in this settlement.”

— Lisa Triano

A lot of dialogue between the Canadian Motor Speedway's proponents and the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie has resulted in what appears to be an amicable settlement.

It was announced last week that the speedway and the group of residents who filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board had come to an agreement, but both parties said they could not discuss details until the OMB hearing started.

On Monday, at Town Hall, further details were spoken about by a legal counsel representing both sides.

Andrew Pritchard, representing the speedway proponents, said it was a long process that took a lot of dialogue between both sides and in the end a number of components of an agreement were established.

“It was a process that involved a lot of listening on both sides, a lot of hard work and a lot of good will,” said Pritchard.

One part of the agreement, says the CCGFE will be per-

mitted to view and provide consultation on outstanding studies and work that will need to be done leading up to the speedway being built.

“The proponent will make available any further studies that are going to be relied on,” he added.

Drag racing will not be allowed at the facility, a result of the settlement.

Lisa Triano, the lawyer representing CCGFE, said her client has exercised its right to see both sides of the issue and hopes to work closely with the proponents as the project unfolds, pending an approval from the OMB.

“The CCGFE has worked very hard to consider the value in the opportunity presented, in this settlement,” said Triano.

She also said the group looks forward to having “meaningful input” as the project is worked on.

The hearing is being presided by OMB member Susan Schiller and is expected to last a few weeks.

At the hearing, statements from the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society and one other individual are being heard.

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The pier at Crystal Beach, no longer has a flagpole sitting on it, after a young man from St. Catharines was killed in an attempt to jump from it two weekends ago.

Flagpole removed from pier

Erica Bajer
QMI Agency

The family of a man who fell to his death from a rusty flagpole at the end of the old Crystal Beach pier is pleased that it's been taken down.

"We're glad it's down so nobody else gets hurt," said Herb Wismer.

His 18-year-old son, Clayton Wismer, died June 10 after climbing the flagpole and falling approximately 10 metres to the concrete below.

Niagara Regional Police have said Clayton intended to jump off the top of the pole into the water of Lake Erie.

It's a stunt Clayton's family and friends say has been performed by other teens off swimming off the old pier.

While Clayton was known as a daredevil, his family wanted the pole removed so nobody else could be hurt the same way.

"Whoever took it down, she'd like to thank them," Herb said of his wife, Penny, who was vocal about the dangers of the flagpole following her son's death.

It's unclear who removed

the flagpole, but the move was applauded by Clayton's friends, who started a Facebook group last week aimed at seeing it taken down.

"We went there after the funeral and the pole was gone," said Emily Wilson, 17.

"It was a big surprise to all of us."

Early last week, the teen called Fort Erie town hall to find out who was responsible for the flagpole and how to go about having it taken down.

She said the town doesn't own the pier and she was told officials couldn't remove it because that would be trespassing.

Town acting chief administrative officer Ron Tripp said Wednesday he is aware the pole is down, but he doesn't know who removed it.

The town continues efforts to determine who owns the end section of the pier, which in his heyday was a dock for the ferry that transported visitors from Buffalo to and from the old Crystal Beach Amusement Park.

"There's ongoing liability with what's going on there," Tripp said of the pier.

John Horn, of the Crystal Beach Tennis and Yacht Club, said the organization owns the double-decker part of the pier but not the dilapidated extension.

He said the group is interested in finding out who is responsible for the end of the pier, as there are other safety concerns with its deteriorating condition.

"We own the Crown land that's on the bed of the Great Lakes," said Ministry of Natural Resources spokeswoman Jolanta Kowalski.

However, she said, the MNR does not own the end of the pier, nor does it maintain it.

She said according to records, the licence of occupation for that portion of the lake bed is held by Crystal Beach Park Ltd., a company that at one time owned the entire pier.

Horn said it's his understanding that company dissolved years ago. He said the tennis and yacht club bought its portion of the pier from a numbered company, not Crystal Beach Park Ltd. Former stakeholders in that organization couldn't be reached for comment.

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our editorial

Speedway critics have an open mind

Opponents to the Canadian Motor Speedway deserve a lot of respect.

They have settled with the proponents and made it evident that they see both sides of the issue.

There are concerns, valid ones, they have stressed since this project was first introduced.

But at the same time, it is apparent they see that a lot of people in town want to see this project happen. It's a last glimpse of hope for this town in some people's minds.

Both the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie and the speedway's proponents will work closely with one another as the process unfolds and both sides should be

commended for their professional, and open-minded attitude.

Perhaps some critics of the condo project in Crystal Beach, could take a page out of their book.

This is not meant as an attempt to offend people who are opposed to projects, but is a shining example that there is still hope for people with differing views to get a long with one another.

- Kris Dube



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to museum volunteer Janet Boyce and an anonymous caller for putting names to faces in last week's photo of the gardeners. These people, from left to right, Rose Bearss, unknown, unknown, Frank Lejeune, Doris Lighthouse, and Timothy Horgan were part of a horticultural group

that used to plant large flower beds outside of Douglas Memorial Hospital, among other projects. It's never too late to call in about the other gardeners, or even stop by the Museum to look at our binders of photographs needing identification.

Is zooming around the go-cart track a fond sum-

mer memory? Then perhaps you can identify the young racer in this week's photo, or tell us where this track was located. If you recognize this boy as someone you know (or even as yourself!) Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Racetrack is a local jewel that younger crowd should appreciate



Kris Dube
Editor's Notebook

I know this might come off as a surprise to some people, but I do get to enjoy myself around time once in awhile.

And in my opinion, there's no better place than

the Fort Erie Racetrack to do exactly that... enjoy your self.

I've always loved covering the Prince of Wales, opening day and look forward to being on the job at many events at the local border oval on this 115th and most likely final season.

But a few times I've left my camera and note pad at home, to take in all the fun just like many other proud,

life-long residents do every race day.

I may even have a beer in my hand, or a strawberry daiquiri from the Tiki Bar. Yes, there is a massive local news story surrounding me and I could go to work while I'm there...but sometimes it's nice to sit back and relax, which is something people in the newspaper business don't get to do very often.

But what I'm getting at is that it's unfortunate the

track is on its way out. It's an exquisite venue that is truly like nothing else Fort Erie has ever had as a part of its identity.

Passport laws, the U.S. dollar not being as strong as it used to, indoor smoking rules, a number of things have had an impact on the track's struggles over the years.

But what could have saved the Fort Erie Racetrack, or even played a role in the

entire industry's success, is if it appealed to people my age a little more than it does.

I'm guilty as charged, and didn't really start frequenting the local jewel until this season. Like I said earlier, I've always covered stories there over the five years I've been at the Fort Erie Times, but I didn't start going as a local resident until recently.

I wish this wasn't the case, because I've been

missing out on a great time for so many years and I wish this didn't dawn on me until the year it is likely shutting its doors.

You don't have to take my advice, but you should. If you haven't gone down for a race day, it's something you might be interested in.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

Chamber of Commerce president urges business leaders to voice opinions

Dear Editor,

The Province's recent announcements to close OLG Slots in Fort Erie and to retract the long-standing revenue sharing program with Ontario Race Tracks, has grievously impacted our community. The job losses, devastating economic impact, and negative publicity to our town will be difficult hur-

dles to overcome.

Our Mayor, Town Council and staff, and Economic Development and Tourism Corporation have worked tirelessly to provide alternative solutions - asking that the government allow Fort Erie to privatize the slots which would ultimately save the casino and race track. Unfortunately, there has been no response to these suggestions from

Queen's Park, and with no support from your government to entertain this innovative solution both facilities will be vacant next year.

However, there are still two other major development undertakings within our sites - the Canadian Motor Speedway and the Miller's Creek/Niagara Parks Commission Marina project, that promise to

offer significant and far-reaching positive economic impacts to our community and beyond. (See two-page advertisement in Fort Erie Times on Saturday, June 9). Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin, FE EDTC General Manager Jim Thibert, and MPP Kim Craitor have met with Minister Brad Duguin, Economic Development & Innovation to update and

discuss the positive impacts of these projects.

I urge the business leaders and citizens of Greater Fort Erie to individually work together by writing the Minister's office and insisting that his government put our community on their priority list and offer quick and decisive support of these two substantial development opportunities.

Letters should be forwarded care of Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development & Innovation, 8th Floor, Hearst Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1.

Dean Demisio
Greater Fort Erie
Chamber of Commerce
president

Region should reconsider its position on Industrial Wind Energy, says reader

Dear Editor,

There can be no one left in Ontario with any interest at all in Industrial

Wind Energy, both pro and con, who is not aware of the ever growing concerns, not just locally, but worldwide, regarding the placement of IWTs

too close to homes and the potential negative health and economic effects being experienced.

At the Regional Council

Meeting last Thursday those concerns were to be addressed by debating a motion put forward asking for no more than a request to provincial government to impose a moratorium on any further IWT projects until independent studies were completed to assess and recommend a Safe Set Back Distance from homes in order to protect the best interests of the Niagara Region residents being threatened with these Industrial Power Plants.

Other independent studies worldwide have caused governments to increasingly accept a minimum 2km Safe Set Back Distance and in some cases even more. Ontario only requires 550 metres, a figure that has no bearing on negative effects on humans or the environment, but purely

a planning figure convenient to the distance apart of Concessions and rural roads.

On the night the private, for profit (profits based only on our taxes and not on any efficient or economical energy production) Ontario Wind Energy companies and their vested interests, with the almost complete support of the Regional Councilors, won.

The whole weight of Regional Council, behind closed doors, probably attempted to have the motion withdrawn, and if they did, failed. Then in the chamber, with a crowded public gallery, they attempted to defer the motion, and failed. In spite of that and in spite of the fact that reactions from the public present made it beyond doubt that many Regional citi-

zens are genuinely concerned at the prospect of losing health, devaluation of their prime investment, their homes, and the loss of quality of life, the majority of Regional Councilors refused to listen. They would not even offer the Councilor who proposed the motion, or the Councilor who seconded it, the courtesy of speaking in defence of their motion.

When the Niagara wind energy companies say 'Jump', sadly, the majority of Regional Councilors only ask 'How high?'

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

Resident thankful for care received at Douglas Memorial

Dear Editor,

I have a minor heart condition. Last Saturday morning I suddenly got a fast heartbeat that wouldn't go away. My wife drove me to the Douglas emergency care center since we didn't deem this serious enough to go to either the Niagara Falls or St. Catharines hospital.

At Douglas I was looked after within five minutes by a very professional, very knowledgeable and most pleasant nurse, who took my blood pressure and pulse. Those now being normal, it was suggested I submit to an electro-

cardiogram.

I was taken to another room where, again, I waited about five minutes and another nurse gave me the EKG. Five more minutes and I had the results from the technician.

I was astounded; I have never seen anything like it in recent times, our medicare, especially waiting times, being what they are.

Kudos to Douglas hospital. Oops, it's not a hospital. I wish our hospitals ran like Douglas, though.

Jacques Desmarais
Fort Erie

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APPLICANT: SHARON AND KEN ANDREWS FILE # 350309-0346



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 69-12** on the 18th day of June, 2012 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **13th day of July, 2012**, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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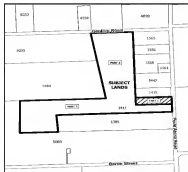
The purpose and effect of By-law 69-12 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Residential 1 R1 Zone" to site specific "Residential 1 R1-475 Zone" in order to construct a single detached dwelling on the subject property.

These lands are zoned Residential 1 R1-475 Zone. The lands shall comply with the Residential 1 (R1) Zone, except that the minimum setback of the single detached dwelling from the 1:100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority shall be not less than 15.1 metres.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2012
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2012
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

Legion wants to re-locate cenotaph

Kris Dubé

Fort Erie Times

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 wants to make changes to the cenotaph that sits at Mather's Arch.

It all started with a conversation at last year's Remembrance Day ceremonies between legion members and mayor Doug Martin, who said the monument would look much better and serve its purpose more effectively, if the soldier at the top of the structure was facing Canada, instead of the U.S.

At Monday's regular council meeting, Br. 71 executive member Larry Graber made a delegation, explaining the merits and details of the project.

A grant of \$25,000 from Veteran Affairs Canada will fund a portion of the restoration, but another \$37,000 is needed to complete the project, with an overall projected cost of about \$62,000.

"Wouldn't it make more sense, to have the soldier facing us?" said Graber at Monday's meeting.

The re-location of the cenotaph to the roundabout area at Veteran's Way, would involve repositioning of the monument, construction of a new base, three flag poles, lighting, additional inscribed names of local veterans who have fought in various conflicts, land-

scaping and restoration of the area of where the cenotaph currently stands. Graber said he spoke to council, not to promote the endeavours of Br. 71, but to put a call out to Greater Fort Erie, with hopes that the various planned fundraising initiatives to support the project will be successful.

"I'm here to seek the assistance of our community, to make this project a reality," said Graber.

Although receiving the \$25,000 from Veteran Affairs says the work needs to be complete by March 2013, it is hoped that the project will be complete by Remembrance Day of this year.

"We are confident we will be successful," he said.

In-kind donations will also be welcomed, mayor Doug Martin explained.

"If we have someone who can donate a crane to help move it, we can accept that," said Martin.

Graber also said it is important to add names of local soldiers who were involved in the War of 1812 and the Fenian Raids.

"These two conflicts occurred before Confederation, but are very important," said Graber.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this cause, can call Town Hall at (905) 871-1600 or the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 71 at (905) 871-8682.



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Sam Stark, Tom Armstrong, mayor Doug Martin, Larry Graber, Tim Morin and Rick Shuler in front of the cenotaph at Mather's Arch. The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, along with the mayor's office, is trying to raise money to re-locate the monument to Veteran's Way. The re-location has a price tag of \$62,000.

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Hudak visits hometown to talk about local struggles

Ontario PC leader says wetland legislation is one of Fort Erie's most dominant challenges

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Tim Hudak says the provincial government needs to get out of the way and let small towns operate with less red tape and barriers.

The Fort Erie native and leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party visited his hometown on Thursday to meet with mayor Doug Martin, members of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce and other community figures, for a roundtable discussion on some of the economic problems the municipality is facing at the moment.

"I wanted to catch up on the challenges faced by business and families here in Fort Erie," Hudak said to the Fort Erie Times once the meeting at the Business Success and Loan Centre had wrapped up.

The closure of the slots, the impending closure of the racetrack, provincially significant wetland legislation that has limited the amount of space available in the town for new industry to set up... there are a number of problems that need to be addressed, he feels.

"It's heartbreaking to see this avalanche of bad news."

Working out the finances of the province is always a challenge, but Hudak says it seems like Fort Erie seems to be getting the short end of the stick, far too often, under Dalton McGuinty's Liberal government.

"While we have budgetary problems in the province, it is particularly awful to see Fort Erie get kicked in the teeth over and over again," said Hudak, who is a proud Fort Erie native that is optimistic his hometown will be able to turn itself around.

"I know Fort Erie will bounce back."

There are acres of land in Fort Erie that the local government has been trying to identify as potential sites for new businesses that may want to



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—Ontario PC leader Tim Hudak

open doors here, but wetland legislation handed down by the province has made this impossible.

"It's awfully hard to attract business, if there's no land to set up on," said Hudak,

In the legislature, Hudak pitched the idea of privatizing the slots, a proposal also brought forward by local officials from the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation. The idea was immediately shot down by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, which Hudak finds unacceptable.

"I don't think the government should actually be in the gambling business and it's a shame it was not given any kind of serious consideration," he said.

Another topic that was discussed at the roundtable meeting, was the Canadian Motor Speedway, which the Ontario PC leader says he is in full support of.

"I think it will be a boom to the area, hopefully we can get through the Ontario Municipal Board process soon and get on with it," said Hudak.

With all of Fort Erie's struggles, Hudak said the town should be commended for being creative and always trying to find solutions to the problems faced.

"They do have ideas, but it seems every time I talk to the mayor, there's a new obstacle put up by the province."

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Students dedicate bench to their friend, Kelsey Hill

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Students at Stevensville Public School have been working tirelessly to raise funds, in an effort to pay tribute to their friend Kelsey Hill.

The 13-year-old lost a courageous battle with cancer in December of last year and since then the school she attended has held a number of fundraising initiatives that have raised money for a \$1,500 bench to honour the young girl.

On Monday, students gathered at a park in Black Creek along River Trail Road, only a few metres from Kelsey's parents' home, to unveil the bench that has been placed in her name.

"They wanted to do something that would last, for Kelsey and her family," said the school's principal Paul O'Melia, of the project chosen by the student body.

"The kids thought it was a great idea," he added.

Considering the close proximity to Kelsey's family home, O'Melia says the

location of the bench is a perfect spot.

"There's a lot of memories for them with Kelsey's here," he said, also pointing out that many other students who were friends with her, live nearby in Black Creek.

"They worked really hard for this," he added.

Kelsey's mother, Lana Hill, told the Fort Erie Times that her daughter would have been very proud of the school and the efforts they have made to pay tribute to her, since she was very proud to be a student at Stevensville Public.

"Kelsey attended Stevensville Public School since Junior Kindergarten and had so many friends. After diagnosis, it was hard for Kelsey to be apart from her friends and school and she looked forward to visits with her classmates at school. Kelsey was determined to begin Grade 8 and she did. Kelsey even ran for Student Council President and won. Kelsey was very involved with the 'Me to We' Club at school which was involved in fundraising for underprivileged children in Africa," said Lana.

On the bench, there is an inscription that reads "just keep swimming."

"This is a line from Kelsey's favourite movie, 'Finding Nemo,' and is also a motto Kelsey lived by closely."

"She fought hard every single day and was determined to beat cancer. All throughout her surgeries,

radiation and chemotherapy, she kept smiling and remained positive. The nurses and doctors at the hospital were always happy to see Kelsey as she always had a smile for them no matter what," said Lana.

"She loved being able to help others and always had a positive attitude and smile

even when she was not feeling well," added Lana.

Kelsey's mother also said having the bench placed so close to home, provides a lot of comfort for her family.

"The location was a natural, especially since Kelsey spent countless hours playing at the park with her

friends," she said.

Also, the playground at Ronald McDonald House, in Hamilton, has been named in honour of Kelsey and \$37,000 will need to be raised to make this completely possible.

Visit <http://bit.ly/NrdZvo> to make a donation.



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Students from Stevensville Public School gathered in Black Creek on Monday, to dedicate a bench in honour of Kelsey Hill, a student who lost her battle with cancer last December.

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Clarification from story last week

In the June 16 edition of the Fort Erie Times, an article about the unveiling of the newly-restored Point Abino Lightstation was printed on page 10.

In the article,

Charlene Nigh, from the Point Abino Preservation Society (PALPS) was inadvertently quoted, with comments provided at the event by someone else.

The Fort Erie Times would like to apologize for the mistake and any confusion it may have caused.

If you have any questions or concerns about stories published in the Fort Erie Times, contact editor Kris Dubé at kris.dube@summedia.ca or by phone at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207.

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New wheelchair accessible van for Community Living

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Thanks to the support of the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, the Niagara Community Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and the Ridgeway Lions Club, life will be a little bit easier for people supported by Community Living Fort Erie.

On Thursday, a 2009 wheelchair accessible Dodge Caravan was unveiled at the agency's office on Industrial Drive.

The van was donated by the OTF and the necessary modifications to the vehicle were made possible through donations. The Niagara Community Foundation contributed \$5,000, the United Way donated \$4,500 and the Ridgeway Lions pitched in \$500.

The remaining cost was taken care of through fundraising efforts made by Community Living.

On behalf of the Niagara

Community Foundation, Sandy Annunziata said the community grants fund is essential to help non-profit agencies with initiatives like this.

"It will make things a lot easier, with respect to mobility," said Annunziata, speaking directly about the donation to Community Living.

"In this economic downturn, where every dollar counts, it's very important. We're more than happy to make this investment," he said.

Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown, agreed that this addition to the agency's fleet will be more than beneficial.

"It's going to get the people we support out in the community a lot more," she said.

"Without the support of these funders and the support of community members at fundraising events, we would not have been able to convert this vehicle, to make it wheelchair accessible," said Brown.

'Me to We'



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Recently, students at Stevensville Public School presented a cheque worth \$12,700 to Free the Children, an international organization that helps struggling nations in Africa. The amount was raised by the school's 'Me to We' club through numerous fundraising initiatives. The school was also given the Big Dreamer award, from Free the Children. Over 200 schools were in the running for this accolade and Stevensville Public was the successful candidate. This means an additional \$5,000 was contributed to their cause, making the grand total \$12,700. The money will go toward building a school in Kenya.



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Sandy Annunziata, left, from the Niagara Community Foundation, Brian Killian, Tim Mayne from the Ridgeway Lions Club and Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown in front of a new wheelchair accessible van acquired by the agency, through a number of donations.

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Stephanie Hounsell with her dog 'Phasor' at a recent Ultimate Air Dogs Canada competition.

Dogs putting on air show at festival

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Friendship Festival has never seen flying dogs before, until the upcoming 26th run that starts in about a week.

Ultimate Air Dogs Canada will be at the Friendship Festival on June 30 and July 1 for a showcase of the fun-filled canine sport.

For ten years, the organization has existed in the United States, but a Canadian branch was just formed this year. Stephanie Hounsell, a Fort Erie resident, who is one of the people from all over Ontario behind the group, says they are looking forward to showcasing what they are all about.

"Fort Erie has never seen an organization like this before," said Hounsell.

"It is a first for Niagara and we expect it to be an exciting event with dogs and handlers from Ontario as well as the U.S. joining us for the weekend," she added.

There are two levels of competition that will be shown at the Friendship Festival.

The first is called 'Splash,' where dogs are judged by the

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— Stephanie Hounsell

distance of their jumps.

The second is called 'Catch-it,' where the canines are required to catch a toy in mid-air before landing in the water, after jumping from the dock that will be brought in to the festival grounds.

"If they don't catch it mid-air the jump won't be scored," she said.

Interested dog owners will also be allowed to take their pet for a test jump or two (for ten dollars), to see if it is a sport that they might be interested in.

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Aboriginal Head Start was asked to set them up for the week informing the community about the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC), Under the Rainbow and Aboriginal Head Start. On Tuesday, Sarah Cotter, the FENFC's 'princess' performed a Hoop Dance demonstration at the Bank. Sarah was accompanied by Joe Shawana, who played the hand drum and sang for the demonstration.

Piano showcase at library

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times



**We're just trying
to raise as much
as we can"**

—Angela Willett

A group of seasoned, young pianists will be performing at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch next Thursday.

In an effort to raise money for a trip to England, students of the Kangaroo Kampus in Sherston will perform a series of numbers at a recital, hoping to create awareness about their group and how they want to head to the Chatham's Piano School in August of next year.

Angela Willett, an organizer of the event, said those in attendance will be ore than impressed with the skill of all the players that will be involved with the piano showcase next week.

"They're definitely not beginners, they're a little more advanced," she said.

It is not certain how much money will need to be raised, to send eight students overseas, since it more than a year away... but she hopes the ball will get rolling early and support from the community will pour in.

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Racetrack officials hoping to set up transitional fund for employees

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A party has been planned to celebrate Fort Erie Race Track's 115th anniversary, looking more like the last at the historic border oval.

While race fans are being encouraged to enjoy a slice of birthday cake, meet former Prince of Wales-winning jockeys and watch thoroughbreds take to the dirt surface Tuesday, track officials are hoping to set up a fund to help employees and horse people transition into new careers.

Officials appeared before a provincial expert panel

this week and asked the government for \$10 million of \$50 million set aside in the provincial budget for transitional purposes.

Jim Thibert, the track's chief executive officer, said the province is making a "big mistake" killing the \$345-million-a-year slots-at-racetrack program, which has kept the horse-racing industry afloat since 1999.

Thibert said the decision to end the program next year, and the closure of the slots facility in Fort Erie this past April, will lead to hundreds of unemployed people and create "eco-

nomic and social upheaval."

The track, one of the oldest in North America, is the town's largest employer, providing direct jobs to 240 people, while hundreds more are employed by horse owners.

Thibert said his team has tried to convince the province to work with them on a long-term plan to keep the track open, and has also looked to see if there's any private interest in taking over track operations.

He said neither side has bitten on the offer. If the track can't be saved, the province should "step up"

and help track employees "transcend the shock of losing their traditional businesses and transition into a new, sustainable and productive life."

Thibert said the track hopes to become a registered charity, which would allow the province to allocate \$10 million towards a local transition fund. He said the money would be invested and would gain interest over five years. At the end of the transition, the track would give \$5 million back to the government.

"There is no private entity that could walk in and start racing today," said Thibert. "It's a very complex balance between the cost of opera-

tion, the investment in infrastructure, the investment in training horses and breeding them..."

Thibert said the problems at the Fort Erie race are not unique.

Earlier this week, Woodbine Entertainment Group CEO Nick Iaves said the government's decision to end the slots-at-racetrack program could mean the end of the Queen's Plate, which is scheduled to run this Sunday at Woodbine.

"If we find ourselves on the first of April without an operating model that allows Woodbine to compete in the province's gaming strategy, we aren't able to operate and there can't be a Queen's Plate," Iaves said. "It's not a threat, it's a

practical reality."

Thibert said in an odd twist, the province's decision to end the lucrative slots-at-racetrack program at the end of March, 2013 has served to bring an industry together, which has not always been the case.

He said the industry has been frustrated by the province's "failure" to show "any realistic analysis of the impacts of their decision."

"The industry is pulling together for, in my opinion, the first time," said Thibert.

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Bringing home medals



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Danielle Waters and Abby Barnhart recently competed in the 2012 Special Olympics 2012 spring games in Kingston, bringing home three medals between both athletes. Read the whole story on page 30.

Talk about time capsule

Last week, the Fort Erie Times ran a story about a time capsule that was unveiled at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. It was mentioned that former teacher Cathy Dennaehower would be at the Friendship

Festival, hoping former teachers and pupils would stop by to reflect about it. More specifically, Dennaehower will be at the corner of Central Avenue and the Niagara Parkway from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 1.

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Agencies concerned about plans for Interim health program

Fort Erie social and health service agencies are against government plans to make significant cuts to the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP). Bridges Community Health Centre, Casa El Norte, Mathew House and Bethlehem Housing and Support Services argue that changes to the IFHP will result in refugees losing access to primary health care services and medications to treat their illnesses while in Canada creating considerable health risks for refugees.

The IFH currently treats refugees for a number of basic health care services, but under the new cuts, refugees will only be able to access health care if it is considered urgent, essential or a threat to public health or safety. Taralea

McLean, Executive Director for Bridges Community Health Centre states, "Bridges currently serves a high proportion of refugees and we are alarmed at the impact the cuts will have on their health and well being. We are talking about basic primary health care services and access to necessary medications... prenatal care, insulin for diabetics and inhalers for people with asthma."

The Canadian government is looking to save 20 million in health care costs; however, Fort Erie service providers claim that denying people access to primary health care and necessary medications is not a cost effective measure.

"When people are denied treatment at the onset of symptoms, problems tend to escalate to

the point where they present at the emergency room with more complex problems that are more costly to treat," states McLean.

"For example, instead of providing a child from a non-designated country of origin who has asthma with an inhaler, the child will have to return to the emergency department for treatment and may end up requiring hospitalization. If left untreated the child's life could

be placed at risk. Prevention is more cost effective than treating illness once it presents with complications, not to mention equitable," says McLean.

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Athletes accomplish goals at Special Olympics Spring games

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Abby Barnhart and Danielle Waters are two of Fort Erie's most recent accomplished special olympians.

The pair just recently returned from Kingston, after competing in the Special Olympics 2012 provincial spring games. Both competing in freestyle and backstroke swimming events, a total of three medals were earned between both athletes.

Danielle brought home a gold and Danielle two silvers and one bronze.

Reflecting on their wins, both said they were in a great mood after placing in their events.

I want to keep going even harder and get the gold."

— Danielle Waters

"I was really happy," said Danielle, who is 21-years old.

"I felt like I really accomplished something in my life," said Abby.

Both are part of a group from the special olympics program operated out of Port Colborne.

Abby is even working toward getting her life-guard certification, and will be going for her bronze medalion test in the coming weeks.

"I'm not sure if I would get a job, but I want to have the knowledge behind it," she said.

Danielle says she is going to keep practicing her spring sport of choice, preparing for next year.

"I want to keep going even harder and get the gold," she said.

Danielle's mother, Margaret Waters, said the event held in Kingston was one of the most amazing experiences she's had in her life.

The camaraderie, the friendships that are formed between all the athletes and most importantly... the sportsmanship that is clearly on display.

"A lot of professional athletes can take a leaf out of their book," she said.

"It was just phenomenal, it's something you don't see anywhere else," she added.

Waters says the program offered for her daughter and her fellow athletes is remarkable, but wishes that one day a special olympics branch will open in Fort Erie.

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Caregiver seeking support to purchase wheelchair van

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Kevin Near needs a new vehicle to get him around to his activities and appointments.

The 29-year-old Crystal Beach resident, who has severe cerebral palsy has been living with his advocates since he was seven-years old.

His caregiver, Vivian Stevens, approached the Fort Erie Times this week, to explain that the wheelchair accessible van she has been taking him to his day programs and other medical appointments for almost the last decade, is on its way out.

There are several problems with the engine and the transmission.

They often rely on the services of Red Cross, but cannot at all times.

"It would be very expensive to fix," said Stevens.

In a flyer that will be placed at various locations in Greater Fort Erie, Stevens and Near are asking the public, small businesses and service clubs to help, if they can. They are looking for a dream vehicle, similar to one that is already for sale by a local private individual for around \$19,000.

"Yes it is a very large amount to ask for, but I am hoping everyone understands that this is a very situation for me," reads the flyer.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Vivian at (905) 894-0401 or (905) 993-0037.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Vivian Stevens and Kevin Near are hoping the community will come together and find a way to replace the handicap van that they have used for many years.

Changes would impact refugees

From Page 30

Fort Erie receives a number of refugee claimants on a daily basis and as a result, is home to several community agencies that are designed to serve the needs of newcomers. Casa El Norte and Mathew House are refugee shelters offering a safe, secure and warm place for refugees first arrive in Canada.

"When refugees arrive in Canada they have often escaped war, persecution or threats on their lives. They often arrive with little or no resources and will be left with no means

to access basic health care services,"

says Lynn Hannigan, Director of Casa El Norte.

"Refugees are the most vulnerable population in Canadian society. These people have fled war zones, violence and are estranged from their families. These are thoughtless changes that completely undermine Canada's rep-

utation as humanitarians, not to mention contravening Canadian and International conventions," says McLean.

Fort Erie health and social services providers urge the Canadian government to revoke these changes and encourage people to voice their concerns by sending a letter to MP, Rob Nicholson.



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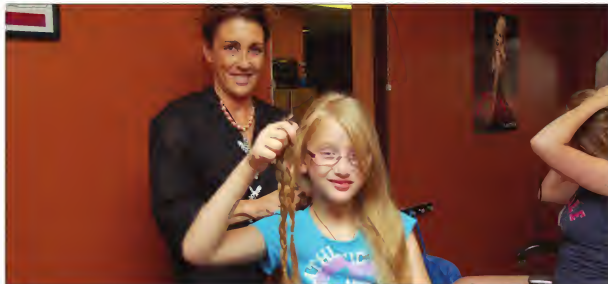


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Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Dorie Emerson is one of those faces that many adults living in Fort Erie, some in their senior years, are very familiar with.

She likely taught them how to swim, or was on the coaching staff of their minor hockey team.

At Monday's council meeting, the 87-year-old resident presented the Town Of Fort Erie's senior citizen of the year award.

Mayor Doug Martin, who says he's known the active, high-spirited woman for most of his life, was more than proud to thank her on behalf of the community, for all her hard work over the years.

"There isn't a better recipient than Dorie," said Martin, before Emerson took the podium and shared some of her story.

First and foremost, she thanked the Town and its senior citizens advisory committee for the recognition.

"It's a great honour and I must say I'm pleased to receive it," she said.

Emerson has a long list of organizations she has volunteered with locally during her life.

She was a Red Cross water safety instructor for many years, volunteered for Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey, worked with the Douglas Memorial Hospital's palliative care unit, is still a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, and worked with many early programs for the handi-

capped. Less than two years ago, she returned from her second mission trip to Haiti, working with children in the struggling nation.

But it is her nature to thank the people who made the organizations she served with possible.

"How can you volunteer

for an organization if it wasn't started by someone?"

After thanking a number of people, she wrapped up her comments, with saying how important of a place her hometown is.

"I wasn't born here, but Fort Erie is my town," she said.



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Mayor Doug Martin cuddles up to a life-long friend Dorie Emerson, who received the Town of Fort Erie's senior citizen of the year award, at Monday's council meeting.

Anniversary party at track on Tuesday

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"There seems to be an amalgamation of the goals and objectives of

the racing industry. Now, the question is ultimately where do we go with it?"

Thibert said he would "never bet against the track," but he encourages as many people to attend

Tuesday's party's, acknowledging it could very well be the last.

"We need to prepare for every possible eventualities," he said. "This track has more than nine lives, it's been in jeopardy before. It's an uphill battle, no doubt. We're not giving up yet, but we have to be in a position to help these employees, whatever happens with the track."

The post time for the first race Tuesday is 4:15 p.m. There will be 22 Prince of Wales-winning jockeys at the tiki bar

signing a commemorative program featuring photos from the date each won the second jewel of Canada's Triple Crown.

The Prince of Wales dining room will be offering an Italian buffet. Reservations can be made by calling 905-871-3200.

During the races, there will be entertainment at the bar patio, including performances by bluegrass band, Rhyme N Reason.

New Kid In Town, an Eagles tribute band, will perform after the races.

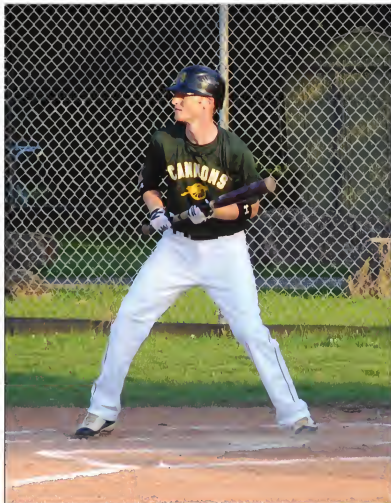
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Fort Erie Cannons lead-off batter Adam Fowler considers a bunt in the first inning of Wednesday night's win over the Thorold Mariners.

Cannons pound Thorold 15-7

The Cannons defeated the visiting Thorold Mariners 15-7 at home Wednesday.

Pat Giampaolo picked up the win on the mound throwing three innings of one hit baseball in relief of starter Zak Porter, who limited the visitors to just two hits while striking out four.

Giampaolo also got the "gold helmet" for going two for five at the bat with a long two run homer.

Adam Fowler with two runs, scored Collin Chevaller was two for four with two runs scored and Nick Fink was one for two with two

runs scored also added to the offense in a game which was never in doubt as the home side led 15-3 after six innings.

The next home game is Wednesday against the St. Catharines Cobras, with a 7:30 p.m. start at Oakes Park.



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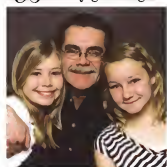
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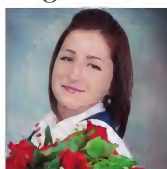
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BILLER, Robert - Bob passed away peacefully on Sunday June 17th, 2012 surrounded by the love of his family in his 79th year. Loving husband of Deanna (nee Nevinger). Charished father of Scott (Casale) Biller and Heather (Kevin) Hatt. Proud grandfather of Jamie, Shelby, Amanda, Robert, Erica, Vanessa, Taveia, Marissa, Devon, Dalton, Elizabeth and Bryce. Sadly missed by brothers Gordon (Gloria) and Jack, sister Margaret (Emie) Billau and sister-in-law Maxine Biller. Predeceased by his son Bruce Biller and his brother Ken. He was a proud father to his dog Smokey the Bear. He served 25 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Following his retirement from the Forces he served as security at the Fort Erie Race Track. Bob was the proud owner of Bob's Siding & Excavating for many years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday June 20th, from 1-4 and 6-9 pm. The Royal Canadian Legion Br #71, Fort Erie held a Legion Service on Wednesday the 20th at 7pm. A celebration of Bob's life was held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Thursday June 21st, at 11am. Cremation followed. Donations to Legion Poppy Fund, Canadian Cancer Society or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

COLE, G. Blaine - Suddenly at his residence on Monday June 18, 2012, Blaine beloved husband of Diane, dear father of Lance (Edmonton, AB), brother of Don Cole (Krim) of Stevensville & Marjorie Trudell (Niagara Falls), loving grandfather of Ashlee & Chelsea. Blaine was predeceased by his parents Gordon & Blanche Cole. Also survived by several nieces & nephews. He was employed by Horton Oil for 30 years. At Blaine's request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Blaine's life will be held at Crystal Ridge Community Church (corner of Elmwood & Victoria) Crystal Beach on Saturday June 23 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

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INNES, Esther - The family of Esther R. Innes, born in Dundee, Scotland, late of Quetch and Fort Erie is sad to announce her passing June 7, 2012 in her 88th year at Sunnyside Home, Kitchener. Beloved wife of the late Edward R. Innes (1961) and cherished mother to Edward, Brian, Martin and Kevin. She was also a much loved great-grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She will be deeply missed by all family members and friends. Following Esther's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. A cremation has taken place with a private family interment at Memory Gardens at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer Society or charity of your choice. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at Sunnyside Home, for their caring and dedication.

KELLEY, Bruce "Mike" - February 15, 1925 - June 17, 2012 - unexpectedly passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday June 17th, 2012. Predeceased by his beloved wife Veronica Ann and his cherished daughter Nancy Heesler. Loving father of Vicky (Denis) Gray, Gloria Goldsmith, Michael (Louanne) and Jeff (Natalina). Much loved grandfather of Amy, John and Matt Goldsmith and Mike, Scott and Chris Kelley and great-grandfather of Riley, Bailey, Alyssa, Jake and James. A very special thank you to Dr. Claudius Che and Mrs. Donna Frumosa R.N. Family will receive friends at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Monday. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held in the chapel Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment to follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations would be appreciated to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.



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MAWDSLEY, Elizabeth "Betty" (nee King) • June 30, 1926 - June 22, 2012. It is with extreme sadness that the family announces the loss of a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Betty passed away peacefully at the Maple Park Lodge in Fort Erie with her family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Norman (2008) who she shared over 58 years of marriage with. Loving mother of Geoff (Frank) of Ridgeway and Alison McCowan of Essex. Proud grandmother of Sean (Joanna) Richardson of Windsor and Heather Richardson of Kingston. Step grandchildren: Daria (Renée) Mason, Denise (Mike) Bouchard and David Rector. Step Great grandchildren: Hope, Isaac, Tyler, Brody, Braydon and Charles. Beloved sister to Mary Wotherpoon, Jan McRoberts, Cynthia Butler and Tom King all in Britain and sister in law to Joan (Bob) Donahoe of Monsey, Ont. and Lynn Mawdsley and Dennis (Margaret) Mawdsley in England. Betty will be lovingly, laughingly and fondly remembered by dear Aubrey (her "other" daughter), her dear and close friend Pat Stroot and by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her granddaughter Laura Richardson (1979), her son in law Alex Richardson (1992) and her parents Tom and Elizabeth King. Betty was always full of life and for years loved being on the tennis court and playing cards. She was involved with Br. 71 of the Royal Canadian Legion for many years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. assisted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 7-9. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Monday at 11 a.m. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Br. 71 will conduct a service at 7 p.m. on Sunday in the Funeral Home. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

MULLARKY, "Tom" Thomas Arthur - Peacefully with his family at his side at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie on Tuesday, June 19th 2012 aged 87 years. Beloved Husband of the late Esther (2002), loving Father of Jimmie (Lana) Mullarky and Linda (Jim) Dickson all of Fort Erie. Loved Grandad of Tina (Dean), Joel (Scherri), Carrie (Fred), Cindy (Ryan) and Great Grandad of Jacob, Jonah, Josh, Sarah, Michaela, Christopher and Caitlin. Dear Brother of Doris McCannery of Georgetown. Dear friend of Myrle Allen and best friend of Wayne Scott, Pat Deschamps and John Laura. Tom was employed at Fleet Industries for 39 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of The Model Airplane Club of Canada since 1937 and a volunteer of The Fort Erie Museum (Fleet Archives). The family received their friends at **THE HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wilmot Street, Fort Erie on Thursday 24 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Mark Gladding officiating. Interment was at McAffee Cemetery, Fort Erie. Memorial donations to Douglas Memorial Palliative Care or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

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NELSON, Irene (nee McQueen) passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Fort Erie Hospital on June 18, 2012 in her 94th year surrounded by her loving family. Predeceased by dear husband Victor and cherished son Alexander (Sandy) Nelson, Survived by loving daughter May (Ken) Stouffer and son David (Jacklyn) Nelson, adored granddaughters Kim (nee Ehrmann) Reynolds and Tammy (Bruce) Redwood, great grandchildren Benjamin and Quinton Redwood, beloved niece Rosemary (Andy) Rankin, Elsie Bundell & partner Ian Rogers, Irene (John) Maxwell, Linda (William) Lee and very dear friends Rosemary Nelson, Betty Shaddock and Ella (Ron) Brown. Irene was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1951, she will be remembered for being an understanding and compassionate mother, her love of life, her desire to make you laugh and be happy. She always had a joke to make your day a cheery one. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to Dr. Kim Scher and his palliative care staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital for their dedication and professionalism in making Irene's last days comfortable. Cremation and a private service to take place with family.

SARINOFF, John - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday June 15, 2012, John, beloved husband and best friend of June (nee Earle), brother of Michael and late Irene of Fort Erie, sister Sophie (Andy) of California. John was General Manager of Sterling Factories in Fort Erie for 20 years, franchise dealer for Rug Doctor Franchises of Western New York and General Manager of Cavalier Home Improvements of Buffalo, NY. At John's request cremation has taken place and interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

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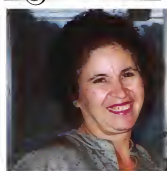
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Can-Am tournament at Tennis Club a 'huge success'

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This is the premier tennis tournament of the summer and drew over 96

players and spectators from around the Niagara peninsula and Western

New York. Scott Maskell of Glenney Insurance Brokers Limited ran the tournament with volunteers from the Fort Erie Tennis Club, and the brokerage generously provided door prizes to event attendees.

"We know the tennis tournament is a popular summer event in the area, so we decided to bring awareness to a deserving service at the same time," commented Scott Maskell of Glenney Insurance Brokers Limited.

Sheri Perdziak and Drew Puleo defeated Mary-Anne Grande and Sam Deora in the mixed doubles final.

Alex Kemeter and Kathi Plugg defeated Wendy Haggerty and Andy Olvet in the mixed doubles consolation round.

In men's doubles, Mike Robinson and John

Giocoechea defeated Scott Gould and Russ Reingel.

Chris Bonn and Tim Cochrane defeated Tady Saczkowski and John Goodin in the consolation round.

Thitima Christopher and Kathy Goodin defeated Lisa Noworyta and Erica Weiss in women's doubles.

Cheryl Athoe and Tami Micallef defeated Chris Trefiak and Marlene Mader in the women's doubles consolation final.



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Francis Cuizon in action at last weekend's Doc Brown Memorial Can-Am tournament, held at the Fort Erie Tennis Club.

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